

FINAL BILL REPORT

SSB 6012

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Concerning requirements for the issuance of a driver's license that includes a veteran designation.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators King, Sheldon, Angel, Rolfes, Van De Wege, Keiser, Hunt, Conway, Chase, Short, O'Ban, Saldaña and Mullet).

Senate Committee on Transportation

House Committee on Transportation

Background: Under current law, a person may apply to the Department of Licensing to obtain a veteran designation on a driver's license or identicards. The person must provide the United States Department of Defense discharge document, DD Form 214, that shows a discharge status of honorable or general under honorable conditions, and establishes the person's service in the armed forces.

The United States Department of Defense issues a DD Form 214 that constitutes a verified record of a service member's time in the military. This form also shows a service member's reason for discharge. Government agencies use this form to determine eligibility for certain veteran benefits.

The DD Form 215 is used to correct errors or make additions to a DD Form 214. The United States Department of Defense issues DD Form 2 as identification for retirees. National Guard Bureau Form 22 is a state issued report of separation and military service for the Army and Air National Guard.

In 2015, Congress passed the Veterans Identification Card Act that created a new a government issued Veterans ID card. In November 2017, the federal Department of Veterans Affairs started issuing the new Veteran ID card.

Summary: The acceptable forms of documentation for a person requesting veteran designation on a driver's license or identicard is expanded to include a:

- federal Veteran ID card;
- Department of Defense Form 215;
- Department of Defense Form 2;
- National Guard Bureau Form 22; or

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- other documentation establishing a person's service, and a discharge status of honorable or general under honorable conditions.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	98	0

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